

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q78649

Vittorio MASCOLO

Appln. No.: 10/720,310

Group Art Unit: 2145

Confirmation No.: 4731

Examiner: Ajay M. BHATIA

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For: METHOD FOR USING THE COMPLETE RESOURCE CAPACITY OF A SYNCHRONOUS DIGITAL, HIERARCHY NETWORK, SUBJECT TO A PROTECTION MECHANISM, IN THE PRESENCE OF A DATA (PACKET) NETWORK, AND RELATING APPARATUS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METHOD

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Final Office Action dated June 19, 2007 to December 19, 2007.

The statutory fee of \$590.00 (\$460.00 previously paid) is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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